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I reckon the Parish of *Stoke-Damerell* as healthful an Air as any in *England*.

VIII. *An Extraordinary Case of the Foramen Ovale of the Heart, being found open in an Adult, communicated by Claudio Amyand, Esq; Serjeant Surgeon to his Majesty, and F. R. S.*

MR.* dying at the Age of Twenty-two, of an Illness that had perplexed his Physicians, was opened, to discover an Imposthume, which was apprehended in the Belly. As nothing was observed there worth notice, saving a very great Relaxation of the *Viscera*, the Cause of his Death was looked for in the *Thorax*; there the Lungs were strongly attached to the *Pleura* on each Side, and a large Collection of Water in each Cavity, especially on the Left, where the posterior Lobe was inflamed, and tending to Suppuration; the Quantity of Water in the *Pericardium* was greater than usual, and the Heart much larger than could be expected in so great an Atrophy as the Patient was reduced to; in it the *Foramen Ovale* was found open, so as to give passage to a large Finger, when a fungous Substance, which grew from the Circumference of the *Foramen*, and did stop up the same, was removed. The Valve was hardly perceptible, it being callous and furled up. The *Ductus Arteriosus* was found close as usual. This Patient had enjoyed great Health till lately, and had given no sign of this opening of the *Foramen Ovale*, which is præternatural in Adults.
